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VIRGINIA MANS PLEADS GUILTY TO USING THE INTERNET TO SET UP SEXUAL ENCOUNTER WITH 14 YEAR OLD IN ROCHESTER

RE: UNITED STATES v. ANDREW SAVIO FURTADO

Kathleen M. Mehlretter, the Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of New York, announced today that Andrew Savio Furtado, age 26, of 5567 Holmes Run Parway, Alexandria, Virginia, pled guilty in front of United States District Court Judge David G. Larimer to using an interstate facility to attempt to entice a minor to engage in illegal sexual conduct, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b), which charges a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of 5 years and a maximum term of imprisonment of 30 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard A. Resnick, who handled the case, stated that between September 8, 2005 and September 15, 2005, the defendant engaged in internet chats with a Monroe County Sheriff's Office Deputy who was acting in an

undercover capacity as “Jesse”, a 14 year old female residing in Rochester, New York. During the internet chats, the defendant, using the screen name “Silentshifter1”, made arrangements to meet with “Jessie” at the Marketplace Mall in Henrietta, New York, to engage in sexual activity. On September 16, 2005, the defendant was arrested at the Marketplace Mall in Henrietta, New York, after approaching a Monroe County Sheriff’s Office female undercover officer who was portraying herself to be “Jessie”. When arrested, the defendant had condoms, lubricants and a camera, which he intended to use to take pictures of the minor.

The conviction in this case was the culmination of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Ahearn.

Furtado, who remains in custody, is scheduled to be sentenced on June 6, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.